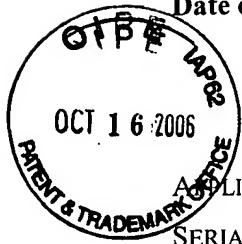


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, including claims 1-8 drawn to methods of determining whether a subject has a disease by assaying for an IL-1 allele, without traverse. In addition in response to the additional haplotype restriction requirement, Applicants elect IL-1A (+4845) mentioned in Figures 3A, 4A and 5A, without traverse.

This response is due on or before October 16, 2006, with a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee, included herewith. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-524 CON.

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